

## **CHIEF ENGINEERS' CORNER**

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The Chief Engineer's World Wide Web home page says, "The information provided here is intended to help Aerospace and SMC personnel in the execution of their day-to-day tasks. The underlying thread that we hope permeates these pages is the concept of 'systems engineering.' These tools, lessons learned and other data should help us all do a better engineering job." Although this is a good intention, without publicizing the availability of this information we will fall short of our goal. This article, written by the 'webmaster' for the Chief Engineer's Web site, provides an overview of what information is available and how to get it.

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What is available at the Chief Engineer's Web site? Mostly items that have been requested by Air Force and Aerospace personnel. Do you need to put together an IRR or an MRR? Need information on the Titan II IRR briefed March 14, 1988 (chaired by a Col. L. Lyles)? How about information on the background and status of acquisition reform? FFRDC core functions? Federal Acquisition Regulations governing FFRDCs? Recent copies of the column you're reading now, the "Chief Engineers' Corner" ? ASR and MOIE information? Previous Commander's Policies? Search no more.

The Chief Engineer's home page provides a starting point to help you find data, guidelines, descriptions, lessons learned and more about Aerospace and SMC systems engineering efforts. If you have topics that you would like added, call me at ext. 65231, or send e-mail to <gower@courier1.aero.org>.

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